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Services to Meet Your Everyday Needs Wherever You Are!



Your Abilene Public Library offers a wealth of technology services to meet your personal, educational, professional, and recreational needs. The majority of all services are available at no charge as long as you have a valid library card. Library cards are free for Taylor County residents and \$10.00 for all other Texas residents. Learn more about [Getting A Library Card](#) online.

This guide will introduce you to many free resources to take advantage of. If you have questions, contact us at the Main Library (325-677-2474), South Branch Library (325-698-7565) or the Mockingbird Branch Library (325-437-7323).

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OverDrive was the first digital service made available to patrons in 2008. It has since become the most used service offering an extensive collection of digital eBooks & audiobooks for use on smartphones, tablets, and PC's.

Available 24/7, it's the perfect way to enjoy popular library materials at home, on-the-road, or out-of-town. It's truly having a portable library at your fingertips.

OVERDRIVE FEATURES

Popular Materials

Discover a growing collection of digital materials covering popular authors & genres. Browse new items and releases, subject areas, by format type, and more. There's even age-appropriate content for youth and teens to enjoy.

Checkout Limits

Patrons may borrow up to 10 titles at one time. Feel free to make lists of items you want to checkout later, place holds on unavailable items unavailable, and more.

Lending Periods

Materials checkout for 7 or 14 days. Once downloaded you may access the title/s offline throughout the lending period. If there are no outstanding holds, you will have the option to renew.

Late Fees

There are no late fees when using OverDrive. Items return themselves when due.

Suggesting Materials

If you don't find a title you're looking for, let us know or [Make a Purchase Request Online](#). If it is available for purchase, we can order a copy that will appear in the collection within 24 hours.

Learn more about OverDrive by visiting our [Digital Services Page](#) online. There you will find Frequently Asked Questions, links to download the app, and more.

If you have questions on getting started, library staff is here to help. Contact staff at any branch and we can setup a time to walk you through the steps. With our help, you'll be checking out materials with ease.

Streaming services have grown in popularity when accessing digital content. Hoopla Digital is a popular platform offering a Netflix-style service to connect patrons with a number of popular resources on smartphones, tablets, and PC's.

Getting started is easy as the signup process takes less than 5 minutes. No extra software is needed for use on a PC and mobile users need only download the free app.

As Hoopla is a streaming service, patrons have access to the entire collection without waiting. Items are always available with the click of a mouse or tap of a finger.

HOOPLA FEATURES

Popular Materials

Find a number of different materials including movies, music albums, audiobooks, eBooks, comic books, and more. There is also a portal for youth for accessing age-appropriate content.

Checkout Limits

Your library card affords you with 8 checkouts per month. *There is no rollover for unused checkouts.*

Lending Periods

Movies & TV episodes checkout for 3 days; music albums for 7 days, eBooks for 21 days. There are no renewals.

Late Fees

There are no late fees when using Hoopla. Items return themselves when due.

Learn more about Hoopla by visiting our [Digital Services Page](#) online.

If you have questions, library staff is here to help.





Flipster allows you to access a great lineup of digital magazines on your PC's and mobile devices.

With popular titles including **Entertainment Weekly**, **People**, **Popular Mechanics**, **Sports Illustrated**, and more, feel free to read current and back issues any time, day or night.

FLIPSTER FEATURES

Available Issues

Access issues of the housed titles as they're released to newsstands. *Back issues available too.*

Checkout Limits

Borrow as many magazine titles and issues as you'd like. As a streaming service, items are always available.

Lending Periods

View issues as long as you'd like while online. If you download using the mobile app, your title is active for 72 hours. If you need it longer, download it again from Flipster.

Late Fees

There are no late fees when using Flipster.



TumbleBooks offers a great selection of books and enhanced content aimed at youth. Digital materials are offered across two platforms, available 24/7.

Content is designed for youth up to Grade 2 on the basic TumbleBooks platform, while TumbleBookCloud Junior is for readers in grades 3-6.

Additional capabilities offered through enhanced content include videos, quizzes and additional interactive features.

TUMBLEBOOKS FEATURES

Accessing Content

No signup is required. Simply visit us online, click on the TumbleBooks logo, then get started browsing available materials.

Checkout Limits

These items do not checkout, but you may access as many as you'd like.

You can also create an icon on your smartphones and tablets for easy access.

If you have questions getting started, library staff is here to help.



Your library acquires new materials on a regular basis. If you want to keep up them, sign up on Wowbrary. Once you have, you'll receive weekly newsletters in your email to keep you up-to-date on everything added to our collection.

WOWBRARY FEATURES

View Popular New Items

See a listing of the popular titles added to the collection each week, as well as all new items divided by genre/subject.

Place Holds on Materials

See an item you want to checkout from the list? Place a hold on the item from the newsletter.



Discover a Wealth of Information Available Online from Your Library.



E-Resources & Databases are available to all library cardholders to access inside the library or remotely using a PC or mobile device. These electronic tools are designed to provide you with authoritative & credible information covering a wide range of topics. Whether you want to learn a new language or repair your vehicle, access practice study exams or get started in genealogy, the library offers a wealth of databases to help you find what you need.

Please remember, you must have a valid library card to access these sites. If you need help getting started, feel free to contact us.

Allow us to introduce you to some popular databases. Although we cannot cover them all, rest assured that if you need help, chances are we can assist you in finding the answer.

HeritageQuest

Powered by Ancestry.com, this database “provides genealogical and historical sources for more than 60 countries, with coverage dating back as early as the 1700s.”

If you’re looking to dive into tracing your family history, this is a great place to start. Access census records, get tips on how to enhance your searches, look through maps, and more.

For even more genealogy assistance, visit your library and take advantage of AncestryPlus, as well as our genealogical resources housed at the Main Library.

CHILTON[®] LIBRARY

Automotive repair manuals remain a popular staple. Although the Main Library carries the most extensive collection of manuals in print, you may access them online too.

Through the Chilton Online Automotive Repair Manuals, access a comprehensive listing of manuals searchable by model, make, and year. This resource contains up-to-date information with photos, illustrations, diagrams, and selected videos.

Don’t let a needed repair linger if the physical manual is checked out.





A Few More Databases

This is only a fraction of the databases available to all library cardholders. Don't forget to visit us [online](#) to view a complete list with brief descriptions.

Offers a great way to learn any of 80+ languages using text, audio, video & more. Also compatible with select mobile devices to take your learning on-the-go. Perfect for building foreign language skills.



Provides an interactive learning platform offering career-oriented and academic resources, job preparation, homework help, test preparation, information on career changes, and much more.



Your ultimate guide to the world offering access to a number of countries across the world to provide information on customs, demographics, languages, food, religion, travel essentials, and more.



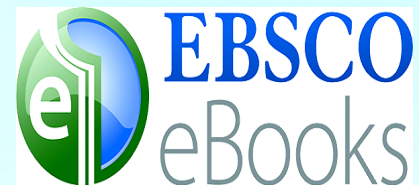
Offers full-text resources covering social issues from terrorism to endangered species. Get the pros and cons of each issue that's great for research, debate prep, school projects, and more.



A great citizenship preparation course with 100+ instructional videos to help prepare for the citizenship process.
This service is an extension of the Pronunciator database.



Offers more than 27,000 eBooks for browsing and reading from the world's leading business, technology, reference, academic, and scholarly publishers.



PC & INTERNET ACCESS

All library locations offer free access to PC's and the Internet. Use of them requires a valid library card (with Internet-access). If you are visiting Abilene, speak with staff to see about signing in as a guest.

Library cards afford you with three computer sessions per. If all are in use, place a reservation on the next available PC. You may also reserve a PC up to a day in advance to ensure one is available when you arrive.

Some PC's offer access to the Internet-only, while lab PC's offer word processing programs through the Microsoft Office Suite, as well as use of the USB drives for accessing files and saving too.

Additionally, free Wi-Fi is available at all locations during our regular hours of operation. Feel free to bring in your laptops, tablets, and smartphones and connect to our signal.



ASSOCIATED FEES

There are no fees for using library PC's except for printing as follows:

Black & White Prints: \$0.15 per page

Color Prints: \$.0.45 per page

Print jobs are available at the service desk. Once we receive payment, staff will release your item/s.

Xerox Photocopier services are also available at the same prices listed above. You may also scan documents for free by using a personal flash drive.

Need to print quickly while visiting the library? Make use of Mobile Printing at your library. Print from your smartphone, tablet, or laptop easily and pick up your print jobs at one of our service desks at the library. Standard printing costs apply to all submitted jobs. Learn more online on our [Mobile Printing Page](#).



AWE

DIGITAL LEARNING SOLUTIONS

**Access 60+ educational games for youth
at your library with the AWE Early
Literacy Stations.**

Available during our hours of operation and located in the children's area. Take it for a test drive.



AWE stations were introduced thanks to funding from the Friends of the Abilene Public Library. Since their arrival, youth have flocked to them, taking advantage of the educational programs they offer.

Designed for youth ages 2-8, these stations offer award-winning software designed to enhance literacy and school readiness skills.

Multiple stations are available at all library branches on a first-come, first-served basis.

BENEFITS OF THE AWE STATIONS

- Easy-to-use stations utilizing technology youth understand.
- Offers a safe and secure learning environment by not allowing access to the Internet, preventing youth from accessing inappropriate content.
- Each offers the use of a keyboard and mouse, or use the touchscreen for easier navigation.
- Ideal for independent learning, or pair up with a friend for collaborative fun.
- Each offers language settings for English and Spanish.

Learn more about AWE Learning by
visiting their website at
www.awelearning.com.



AWE Early Literacy Stations
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FOLLOW YOUR LIBRARY ONLINE

*Keep up with your library through photos, blogs, videos, and more across the leading social media platforms.
Connecting with you among popular places online!*

Choose an Icon Below to Link to Our Accounts Online



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APPLY FOR A LIBRARY CARD
★ & MORE ★
at your fingertips



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ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY | CITY OF ABILENE

*Download the City of Abilene's
Official App*



SERVING THE COMMUNITY FROM THREE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS



**Located at the Corner of N. 2nd & Cedar St.
in Downtown Abilene**

MAIN LIBRARY

202 Cedar St.
Abilene, TX 79601
PH: 325-677-2474

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon, Tues, Thursday from 9AM to 9PM
Wed, Fri, Sat from 9AM to 6PM
Closed on Sundays



**Located in the Mall of Abilene
Next to J.C. Penney**

SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

4310 Buffalo Gap Rd.
Abilene, TX 79606
PH: 325-698-7565

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon, Tues, Thursday from 10AM to 9PM
Wed, Fri, Sat from 10AM to 6PM
Sun from 1PM to 6PM



**Located at N. 12th & Mockingbird in the
Edgewood Shopping Center**

MOCKINGBIRD BRANCH LIBRARY

1326 N. Mockingbird Ln.
Abilene, TX 79603
PH: 325-437-7323

HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon, Tues, Thursday from 9AM to 9PM
Wed, Fri, Sat from 9AM to 6PM
Closed on Sundays